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**National Center for Environmental Assessment  
Weekly Report for November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Notables listed below and 30-day Outlook attached.

**PUBLIC ACTIVITIES**

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**Chesapeake Bay Program Workshop on Best Management Practices.** On November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, Anne Grambsch and Susan Julius will be participating in the Chesapeake Bay Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) workshop entitled “Consideration of BMP Performance Uncertainty in Chesapeake Bay Program Implementation.” Anne will be giving a presentation on “Applied methods for documenting, reporting, and assessing uncertainty.” A workshop report will be produced summarizing results and recommendations.

**Systematic Review Presentation to CompTox Community of Practice (CoP).** On November 16<sup>th</sup>, Kris Thayer will give a presentation titled Systematic Review for Chemical Assessments: Core Elements and Considerations for Rapid Response to the CompTox CoP team at Research Triangle Park in North Carolina.

**National Institutes of Health (NIH) Workshop.** On November 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, Erin Hines will speak at the NIH Workshop: Human Milk Composition-Biological, Environmental, Nutritional, and Methodological Consideration in Bethesda, MD.

**DoD Trichloroethylene Assessment.** On November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Defense (DoD) will provide an update to NCEA staff on their plans for conducting a trichloroethylene (TCE) assessment.

**NAS workshop.** On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, John Vandenberg will be providing a welcome and recap on the second day of a two day NAS workshop to be held in Washington, DC. The title of the workshop is “Understanding Pathways to a Paradigm Shift in Toxicity Testing and Decision Making”.

**DoD SERDP Support.** Brooke Hemming is reviewing a set of proposals for the Department of Defense (DOD) Strategic Environmental Research and Development program (SERDP) that respond to statements of need on assessing and quantifying ecosystems services on military installations and on identifying and quantifying non-stationarity in temperature and precipitation in support of military infrastructure planning.

### **WITHIN EPA**

**Meeting on EPA branding issues related to HAWC.** On November 17th, NCEA Scientists will meet in RTP to discuss National Toxicology Program’s (NTP) experience in moving to web-based reports and 508 compliance/EPA branding issues related to HAWC.

**NCEA Digital Assessments Workgroup Meeting.** On November 20<sup>th</sup>, Michelle Angrish will participate in a meeting to develop a vision of NCEA’s digital assessments. This workgroup will brainstorm about how the different assessment products developed across NCEA can translate toward a more interactive digital realm.

### **OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

**Perchlorate MCLG Conference with OW and DOD.** On November 8<sup>th</sup>, NCEA scientists participated in a conference call with personnel from the EPA Office of Water (OW) and the Department of Defense (DOD) in order to clarify questions and suggestions submitted by DOD regarding the draft perchlorate Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) report. The draft MCLG report was published in the Federal Register on September 15, and the period for providing public comments on the draft MCLG approach report ended on October 30. An external Peer Review Panel for the perchlorate MCLG is expected to convene in January 2018.

**Seminar at Kentucky Georgetown College.** On November 16<sup>th</sup>, Annette Gatchett will give a seminar to Georgetown College Students. The seminar series is for undergraduate environmental science students thinking about science careers or graduate programs. Annette's presentation will focus on ORD's six research action plans and the associated opportunities in the environmental sciences.

**Toastmaster of the Year.** Bette Zwayer (NCEA-Cincinnati) was awarded "Toastmaster of the Year" from District 40 of Toastmaster's International (District 40 has about 3,800 members). Bette, through the years, has positively impacted many lives through this organization and made the EPA club here one of the strongest in the city.

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